A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is respectfully requested. This one-month extension will bring the due date to January 5, 2000, which is within the six-month statutory period. Authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2019.000500 is hereby granted. Should the authorized request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2019.000500.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

In The Specification

At page 1, line 31, please delete "PCT/NL92/00144" and substitute -- WO 93/03958 published on March 4, 1993-- therefore.

At page 1, line 32, please delete "PCT/NL93/00257" and substitute -- WO 94/12386 published on June 9, 1994-- therefore.

At page 2, line 1, please delete "PCT/GB92/02210" and substitute -- WO 93/11028 published on March 10, 1993-- therefore.

At page 2, line 1, please delete "PCT/GB96/01755" and substitute -- WO 96/39324 published on December 12, 1996-- therefore.

At page 1, line 1, please insert a heading -- <u>BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION</u>--.

At page 1, line 1, please insert a heading -- <u>FIELD OF THE INVENTION</u> --.

At page 1, line 4, please insert -- <u>DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART</u> --.